

**Twelfth Annual Appomattox Court House National
Historical Park and Longwood University Free Civil War
Seminar**

THE War BEgins: 1861

***Jarman Auditorium
Longwood University
Farmville, Virginia***

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Schedule

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9:00 a.m.	Doors open
9:25 a.m.	Introduction by Dr. David Coles, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy, Longwood University
9:30 a.m.	David Ruth The Nation crosses the Rubicon: Fort Sumter 1861
10:30 a.m.	John Hennessy First Manassas: Legends, Lies, and Misunderstandings.
11:30 a.m.	Patrick Schroeder The Fire Zouaves at Bull Run: Heroes or Humbugs?
12:30	Lunch
1:45 p.m.	Jeffry Wert “He stood out from the great war canvas”: Jeb Stuart.
2:45 p.m.	Mike Gorman Richmond Again Taken: Images of the Confederate Capital

No reservations necessary. Signs will be posted on the Longwood University Campus. For directions to the campus go to www.longwood.edu. For more information contact Dr. David Coles at 434.395.2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434.352.8987, Ext. 32.

Participants

MIKE GORMAN

Mike Gorman grew up in Richmond and attended Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Military Institute. He began working for the National Park Service as a seasonal ranger in 1999 and was deeply involved in the creation of both the Civil War Visitor Center at the Tredegar Iron Works and the Chimborazo Medical Museum. Gorman also researched and created a website on the Battle of New Market Heights which was recognized by the National Park Service for excellence. His maps have been published in numerous books and displayed on interpretive markers. Since 2003, he has been a permanent ranger and historian for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. He is also recognized as an expert on Civil War photography. Gorman created and continues to operate a website called Civil War Richmond (www.mdgorman.com), which is an online research project that documents the various sites and personalities within Richmond during the war. It is his labor of love and consists of primary accounts, photographs and maps related to Richmond's Civil War history. In January 2009, this website celebrated its 10-year anniversary on the web. Mr. Gorman has authored numerous articles about the war, and continues to research a book on Richmond's Civil War photography. He and his wife live in Richmond.

JOHN HENNESSY

John Hennessy is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany. He has worked for the New York State Historic Preservation Office and for the National Park Service at Manassas, Harpers Ferry, and at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Hennessy served as Assistant Superintendent at the latter park from 1995-2002 and is currently Chief Historian. He is the author of several books, including *First Battle of Manassas: An End to Innocence, July 18-21, 1861*, and *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Manassas*.

DAVID RUTH

David Ruth received his B.A. in history from Virginia Tech. His National Park Service career began at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Park in 1973. Dave's career since then has included stops at Manassas, Philadelphia and Fort Sumter, where he served as chief historian for ten years. In 1991, he transferred to Richmond where he currently serves as the Park's Superintendent, managing the collection of 13 sites that comprise the battlefield park, as well as the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site and also serves as the National Park Service representative on the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation Board. He has written several articles, essays and book reviews and served as an on-camera commentator for the Fort Sumter segment of the Arts and Entertainment network's "Civil War Journal" television series. He has also contributed an essay on the Battle of Fort Harrison for the recently published volume of the Conservation Fund's, "Civil War Battlefield Guide."

PATRICK A. SCHROEDER

Patrick Schroeder graduated *Cum Laude* with a B.S. in Historical Park Administration from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV. He has a M.A. in Civil War History from Virginia Tech. From the summer of 1986-1993, and 1998-2001, Patrick worked as a seasonal living history interpreter at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. In 1993, he wrote *Thirty Myths About Lee's Surrender*, which is currently in its twelfth printing. From 1994–1999, he was employed at Red Hill, the Patrick Henry National Memorial. He has been the Historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park since 2002. Schroeder has written, edited and/or contributed to more than twenty Civil War titles, including several relating to Zouave soldiers and regiments. He consulted on National Geographic's "Day Under Fire—The Wilderness" that focused on the 140th and 146th New York Zouaves at Saunder's Field. In an effort to protect sites relevant to the Appomattox Campaign, Schroeder has set up the "Appomattox Fund" with the Civil War Preservation Trust, to save land important to the climatic events of April 1865.

JEFFERY D. WERT

Jeff Wert graduated cum laude with a B. A. in History from Lock Haven University in 1968. In 1976, he completed his M. A. in History at Pennsylvania State University. Wert taught at Penns Valley Area High School in Spring Mills, PA, from 1969 to 2002. He is now a full time author and historian. He has written articles for Civil War Times Illustrated, American History Illustrated, Blue & Gray Magazine, America's Civil War, Military History, Virginia Cavalcade, Pennsylvania History, and the Civil War News. Wert has contributed and edited Historical Times Illustrated's "Encyclopedia of the Civil War." He has written seven books including: *From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign 1864*; *Mosby's Rangers*; *General James Longstreet: The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier*; *Custer: The Controversial Life of George Armstrong Custer*; *A Brotherhood of Valor, Gettysburg—Day Three*, *The Sword of Lincoln*; and *Cavalryman of the Lost Cause: A Biography of J. E. B. Stuart*. His books have won numerous awards, and *Gettysburg—Day Three* was nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Wert has appeared on the History Channel's "Civil War Journal"; C-Span 2's "Book Talk"; PCN's "PA Books," and PBS's "Valley of Fire." In 1999, Wert was Pennsylvania's "Teacher of the Year." Wert is an Honorary Board of Directors member for the Civil War Preservation Trust; serves on the Advisory Council for the Lincoln Award at Gettysburg College; and is on the Historical Advisory Board for the Friends of Gettysburg.

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Lunch is available at the

Longwood University Dining Hall

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